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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, RP, US
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOP TO TAKE OVER PHILIPPINE AIRLINES FROM
BENNY TODA

1. ACCORDING TO A PARTICIPANT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT RAFAEL
IGOA ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 18 AFTERNOON AT A MEETING OF SENIOR PAL
OFFICERS THAT THE GOP HAS DECIDED "TO TAKE OVER" PHILIPPINE
AIRLINES AND THAT A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO THAT EFFECT WILL
BE ISSUED SOMETIME THIS WEEK.

2. COMMENT: THE REPORTED PLAN OF THE GOP HAS BEEN RUMORED
FOR A LONG TIME, AND THE PRESS HAS REFLECTED GOP (READ THE
PRESIDENT) DISPLEASURE AT PAL PRESIDENT BENNY TODA WITH A
WIDE VARIETY OF CRITICISM OF PAL AND ITS SERVICE AND ALSO
AN EXPOSE OF HOW TODA WAS MILKING THE COMPANY (VIDE MANILA
7078). WE BELIEVE THAT THE FACTOR WHICH PUSHED THE GOP INTO
ACTION RELATES TO THE DETERIORATING HOTEL SITUATION AND THE
IMPASSE OVER "OPEN SKIES" WHICH WAS VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY
TODA AND HIS OFFICERS. WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT
HAPPENS ON THE CIVIL AVIATION FRONT, BUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
PHILIPPINES ARE OFTEN CLOUDED WITH A DEJA VUE -- PLUS CA
CHANGE, PLUS C'EST LA MEME CHOSE.
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